

GREAT OUSEBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 25th July 2007 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.

Present: Mr K Scott (Chairman), Mrs R Kay, Mr M Rampling and Mr B Robinson.

In Attendance: Mrs Z Hopps.

Also present were five members of the public.

2007.112 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs J Burton and L Paterson.

2007.113 **Declarations of Interest.**

2007.113.1 All Parish Councillors, as Trustees of the Village Hall, declared a personal interest in the Village Hall.

2007.114 **Minutes of the previous meetings** held on Wednesday 20th June 2007 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to an amendment to correct minute 2007.102.2 to delete the word 'junior' so that it reads "... including the possibility of basketball being played at the same time as cricket matches".

2007.115 **Co-option of new Councillor.** The resignation of Cllr Ruth Girdham was noted and it was resolved that a letter of thanks should be sent to her, recognising her contribution to the Parish Council and in particular noting the work she did on the Parish Plan.

The Clerk informed members that the Returning Officer at Harrogate Borough Council had not received sufficient requests for elections to take place, and therefore:

2007.115.1.1 It was resolved to co-opt a suitable person qualified to serve as a local councillor. Mr Richard White and Mr David Meakin both expressed an interest in serving, and were asked to make a brief statement to the Council, following which a vote was held. The result was tied, and the Chairman made his casting vote for Mr White.

2007.115.1.2 The declaration of acceptance of office was received from Mr White.

2007.116 **Progress Reports.**

2007.116.1 Village Design Statement (minute 2007.96.1 refers). The questionnaire is nearly completed and should be going out within the next month.

2007.116.2 Use of Aldwark Manor footbridge (minute 2007.96.2 refers). The Clerk advised that all the paperwork had been forwarded to NYCC for the legal creation of a new footpath.

2007.116.3 Village Hall extension (minute 2007.96.3 refers). The Chairman advised that the full plans including a Design and Access Statement are now with Harrogate Borough Council, and it was noted that a further fee of £67.50 was due, because of the slight increase in area. The only major amendment was that after consultation with local disabled groups, it had been agreed that the ramp should be removed and access would now be via a lift.

2007.116.4 Kerbing Works (minute 2007.96.4 refers). It was noted that the extra course of kerbing stones outside the Church had now been removed and the banking restored to its previous shape.

2007.116.5 Carrside Road development update (minute 2007.96.8 refers). The Clerk advised that the project is now being managed by a company called Firebird, based in Bradford, and that they are working on meeting all the planning conditions. She has written to the Planning Authority to remind them of the problem of drainage at the site and to ask that the conditions regarding drainage are fully implemented.

2007.116.6 Discharge into Ousegill Beck (minute 2007.101 refers). The Clerk advised that she had not had a reply from the Environment Agency or Yorkshire Water about this problem. Cllr White told members that he had been informed that the pumping station cannot cope with heavy rain. His understanding was that Yorkshire Water had been granted a derogation for discharge into the Beck, the reason being that they were planning to do the work on the pumping station at Little Ouseburn. That was now in place so the derogation does not apply any more and should be removed. The Clerk to contact the relevant agencies to follow this up.

- 2007.116.7 Dropped kerbs at Branton (minute 2007.108.1 refers). The Clerk advised members that according to an email from the Maintenance Manager at Starbeck, the provision of dropped crossings is from a different budget to the main programme of work (including the carriageway repairs), but he would try to see if it could all be done at the same time.
- 2007.116.8 The Crown Inn (minute 2007.57.7 refers). The Clerk advised that she had been informed by the owners that they are dealing with the solicitors for a new lessee and expect that it will be about another 6 weeks before all the paperwork is in place. It will probably be September before the pub re-opens.
- 2007.117 **Planning decisions notified by Harrogate Borough Council.** The following decisions have been notified by the Borough Council:
- 2007.117.1 The Crown Inn, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Possible breach of planning control – erection of flue.
- 2007.117.2 3 Lakeside Cottages, Main Street, Great Ouseburn. Application withdrawn.
- 2007.117.3 Tree Preservation Order at Prospect Farm House, Church Field Lane. The previous Provisional order has now been confirmed without modification.
- 2007.118 **Planning applications.**
- 2007.118.1 Moor Farm, Moor Lane, Great Ouseburn. Change of use of agricultural building to waste transfer station. No objections, but any storage of skips outside the building should be below the level of the screening.
- 2007.119 **Questions from Councillors.** Cllr Rampling asked about Harrogate Borough Council's 10-year plan for looking after the trees on Branton Lane, as he had concerns about two of the trees being unsafe. If they do need replacing the Parish Council might wish to consider contributing to the cost of a larger than normal replacement. The Clerk to contact the arboricultural officer and report back.
- 2007.120 **Projector Costs.** It was agreed that the cost of £10 per use for hiring the projector for meetings was acceptable.
- 2007.121 **Traffic Speed.** Complaints about speeding buses in the village were noted, together with complaints about buses hitting overhanging branches. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the bus company.
- 2007.122 **Dog Fouling.** The problem of dog fouling on the playing field persists, with one dog in particular apparently being allowed to foul. The Clerk to report the matter to the Dog Warden service at Harrogate Borough Council. The Clerk to ask NYCC's footpaths officer for some signs.
- 2007.93 **Statement of accounts for the period 1st April 2007 – 24th July 2007.** It was noted that the internal audit for 2006/7 had been approved and the paperwork sent to the external auditors. The statement of accounts for the current year and the following payments were approved (copy appended to the minutes).
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| P13/07 | Allianz Insurance | £ 107.05 |
| P14/07 | HBC (grasscutting) | £ 134.75 |
| P15/07 | Dalton Enterprises (grasscutting) | £ 205.62 |
| P16/07 | Green-Tech (grounds maintenance) | £ 133.95 |
| P17/07 | James Mackman (internal audit) | £ 80.00 |
| P18/07 | HBC (planning fee) | £ 67.50 |
| P19/07 | Administrative expenses (1 st qtr) | £ 152.08 |
- 2007.123 **Correspondence received.**
- 2007.123.1 Army Foundation College – Remembrance Day Celebrations. To be forwarded to the PCC.
- 2007.123.2 York & North Yorks PFA Annual Report and AGM. To be circulated
- 2007.123.3 Harrogate Borough Council – Play Strategy Consultation. To be circulated – the Clerk to reply to the questionnaire following consultation with the Chairman.
- 2007.123.4 Harrogate Borough Council – results of Parish Council survey on restructuring of local government. To be circulated
- 2007.123.5 YRCC – 'Country Air' summer 2007. To be circulated
- 2007.123.6 CPRE – 'Countryside Voice' summer 2007. To be circulated
- 2007.123.7 Clerks & Councils Direct July 2007. To be circulated
- 2007.123.8 North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority Corporate Plan 2007-8. To be circulated

- 2007.123.9 Assembly Digest June 2007. To be circulated
- 2007.123.10 NYCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework site allocations – additional sites. To be circulated.
- 2007.123.11 HBC – Flooding. Immediate Help and Hardship Funds. The Clerk to write to HBC to advise them that Aldwark Bridge House was flooded.
- 2007.123.12 HBC – Consultation Meetings with Parish Councils deadline for inclusion on the Agenda. It was agreed that the matter of control of contractors for highways schemes should be brought up. The Clerk to consult with members and then prepare a list of questions for the meeting.
- 2007.124 **Reports from representatives.** To receive reports from the Council's representatives on the following organisations:
- 2007.124.1 **Village Hall Committee.** The 21st Birthday celebrations raised a profit. A DVD has been produced – to be given publicity in the Newsletter. The minutes to be circulated.
- 2007.124.2 **Youth Forum.** Further adult volunteers are still needed – to be given publicity in the Newsletter.
- 2007.124.3 **Police Liaison Group.** No report.
- 2007.124.4 **Yore Vision.** A grant has been received from NYCC to provide interpretation boards along the route of the proposed circular walk. Yore Vision will be writing to Parish Councils involved to ask if they would be willing to have a sign and also contribute to the cost from their commuted sums.
- 2007.125 **Matters for inclusion on the next Agenda.**
- 2007.125.1 Street lighting on Branton Avenue.
- 2007.125.2 Roadworks adjacent to the Village Green.
- 2007.125.3 Approval of costs for servicing the gang mower, plus cost of repairs to tractor owned by Mr Gill, used to mow the playing field.
- 2007.126 **Date and Time of next meeting.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 19th September 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Great Ouseburn.
- There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.